The Detailed Project Report on the Nimo Bazgo Hydro-electric Project was prepared by the Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Corporation. The cost of energy generation based on the Detailed Project Report submitted to the central Electricity Authority was very high. The Central Electricity Authority had requested the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation to explore alternate proposals based on detailed desk studies to reduce the cost of the project and the sale rate of energy as the layout of the project was not optimal and the cost of the project too high. NHPC thereafter identified another site, fifteen and half kilometers down-stream of the originally proposed site.;

A joint team of officers from the Central Electricity Authority, National Hydro-electric Power Corporation, Power Grid Corporation and Jammu & Kashmir, Power Development Corporation visited this site from the 7th to 11th November, 2001. National Hydro-electric Power Corporation is carrying out geological investigations.

(b) to (d) CEA in consultation with POWERGRID and Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department is examining various options, including the feasibility of constructing a transmission line connecting the districts of Leh and Kargil in Ladakh with the Northern Grid for ensuring power supply to the region. The State Government has also made a request to Ministry of Power for approval to construct a transmission line from Srinagar to Kargil and Leh in the central sector.

Establishing Hydro Electric Plants in States

† 1157. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration to establish Hydro electric Plants in various States of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Government of India has so far tentatively identified hydro-electric projects of 16,338 MW for benefits in the 10th Plan and 25,254 MW for benefits in the 11th Plan in various States of the country. Plan-wise and Sector-wise tentative details are as under:—

	10th Plan	Uth Plan
Central Sector	9795	15767
State Sector	4951	8205
Private Sector	1592	1282
TOTAL:	16338 MW	25254 MW

The capacity addition identified for benefits in these Plans would, however, depend on obtaining statutory clearances and tying-up of necessary funds.

Power wasted on the occasion of Dussehra

† 1158. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Department of Power to ascertain the amount and units of power being wasted on the occasion of Dussehra;

(b) whether Government are taking any measures to prevent such wastage; and

(c) if so, how and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

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